



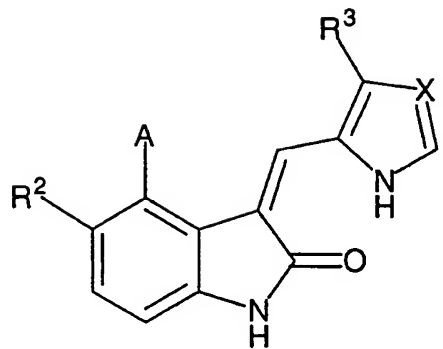
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<p>(54) Title: 4-ARYLOXINDOLES AS INHIBITORS OF JNK PROTEIN KINASES</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin: 20px 0;"> </div> <p style="text-align: right; margin-right: 50px;">(I)</p>										
<p>(57) Abstract</p> <p>Novel 4-aryloxindoles having formula (I), where, R², R³, X and A as set forth in the specification inhibit or modulate protein kinases, in particular JNK protein kinases and are useful as anti-inflammatory agents, particularly in the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis.</p>										

CLAIMS

What Is Claimed Is:

1. A compound of the formula



and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts of the foregoing compounds,
wherein

- A is aryl or heteroaryl, each of which optionally substituted by one or more -OR⁴, -COR⁴, -COOR⁴, -CONR⁶R⁷, -NR⁶R⁷, -CN, -NO₂, -SO₂R⁴, -SO₂NR⁶R⁷, halogen, perfluoroalkyl, lower alkyl, lower alkyl substituted by (a), halogen, cycloalkyl, and/or heterocycle; cycloalkyl or cycloalkyl substituted by (a), halogen, lower alkyl, and/or heterocycle; heterocycle or heterocycle substituted by (a), halogen, lower alkyl, and/or cycloalkyl;
where (a) is -OR⁴, -NR⁶R⁷, -COR⁴, -COOR⁴, -OCOR⁴, -CONR⁶R⁷, -CN, -NO₂, -SO₂R⁴, or -SO₂NR⁶R⁷;

- R² is hydrogen, -OR⁴, -COOR⁴, -CONR⁶R⁷, -NR⁶R⁷, halogen, -NO₂, -CN, -SO₂NR⁶R⁷, -SO₂R⁴ perfluoroalkyl, lower alkyl, or lower alkyl substituted by -OR⁸, -NR⁶R⁷, -COR⁴, -COOR⁴, and/or -CONR⁶R⁷;

R³ is hydrogen, -OR⁴, -COR⁴, -COOR⁴, -CONR⁶R⁷, halogen, -CN, -NR⁶R⁷, perfluoroalkyl, lower alkyl, or lower alkyl substituted by -OR⁸ and/or -NR⁶R⁷;

R^4 is hydrogen, lower alkyl or lower alkyl substituted by (b), cycloalkyl and/or heterocycle; cycloalkyl or cycloalkyl substituted (b), lower alkyl and/or heterocycle; heterocycle or heterocycle substituted by (b), lower alkyl and/or cycloalkyl;
5 where (b) is $-OR^5$, $-COOR^8$, $-COR^8$, $-CONR^8R^9$, $-NR^6R^7$, $-CN$, $-NO_2$, $-SO_2R^8$, or $-SO_2NR^8R^9$;

R^5 is hydrogen, $-COR^8$, $-CONR^8R^9$, lower alkyl or lower alkyl substituted by $-OR^9$, $-NR^9R^{10}$, $-N(COR^9)R^{10}$, $-COR^9$, $-CONR^9R^{10}$, and/or $-COOR^9$;

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R^6 and R^7 are each independently hydrogen, $-COR^8$, $-COOR^8$, $-CONR^8R^9$, $-SO_2R^8$, $-SO_2NR^8R^9$, lower alkyl or lower alkyl substituted by cycloalkyl (or cycloalkyl substituted by (c), lower alkyl and/or heterocycle), heterocycle (or heterocycle substituted by (c), lower alkyl and/or cycloalkyl), aryl (or aryl substituted by (c), lower alkyl, cycloalkyl and/or heterocycle), or heteroaryl (or heteroaryl substituted by (c), lower alkyl, cycloalkyl and/or heterocycle); or

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R^6 and R^7 are each independently cycloalkyl or cycloalkyl substituted by (c), lower alkyl and/or heterocycle;

heterocycle (or heterocycle substituted by (c), lower alkyl and/or cycloalkyl),

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aryl (or aryl substituted by (c), lower alkyl, cycloalkyl and/or heterocycle), or heteroaryl (or heteroaryl substituted by (c), lower alkyl, cycloalkyl and/or heterocycle); where (c) is $-OR^5$, $-COOR^8$, $-COR^8$, $-CONR^8R^9$, $-CN$, $-NO_2$, $-SO_2R^8$, $-SO_2NR^8R^9$, $-NR^8R^9$;

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or alternatively, $-NR^6R^7$ forms a ring having 3 to 7 atoms, said ring optionally including one or more additional hetero atoms and being optionally substituted by one or more of lower alkyl, $-OR^5$, $-COR^8$, $-COOR^8$, $-CONR^8R^9$, and $-NR^5R^9$;

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R^8 is hydrogen, lower alkyl (or lower alkyl substituted by cycloalkyl, heterocycle, aryl, heteroaryl, $-OR^9$, $-NR^9R^{10}$, and/or $-N(COR^9)R^{10}$),

aryl (or aryl substituted by (d), lower alkyl, cycloalkyl, heterocycle, halogen and/or $-\text{SO}_2\text{F}$),

heteroaryl (or heteroaryl substituted by (d), lower alkyl, cycloalkyl, heterocycle, halogen and/or $-\text{SO}_2\text{F}$),

- 5 cycloalkyl (or cycloalkyl substituted by (d), lower alkyl, heterocycle and/or aryl), or heterocycle (or heterocycle substituted by (d), lower alkyl, cycloalkyl and/or aryl); where (d) is $-\text{OR}^9$, $-\text{COOR}^9$, $-\text{COR}^9$, $-\text{CONR}^{10}\text{R}^9$, $-\text{NR}^{10}\text{R}^9$, $-\text{CN}$, $-\text{NO}_2$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{R}^9$, or $-\text{SO}_2\text{NR}^{10}\text{R}^9$;

- 10 R^9 and R^{10} are each independently hydrogen, lower alkyl or aryl; and

X is $=\text{N}-$ or $=\text{CH}-$.

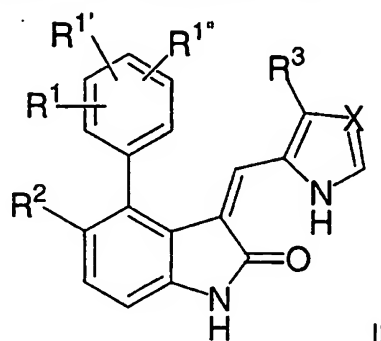
2. The compounds of claim 1, wherein

- 15 R^8 is hydrogen, lower alkyl optionally substituted by cycloalkyl, heterocycle, aryl, heteroaryl, $-\text{OR}^9$, $-\text{NR}^9\text{R}^{10}$, and/or $-\text{N}(\text{COR}^9)\text{R}^{10}$;
 aryl optionally substituted by the group consisting of (d), lower alkyl, cycloalkyl and/or heterocycle;
 heteroaryl optionally substituted by (d), lower alkyl, cycloalkyl and/or heterocycle;
 20 cycloalkyl optionally substituted by (d), lower alkyl, heterocycle and/or aryl;
 heterocycle optionally substituted by (d), lower alkyl, cycloalkyl and/or aryl;
 where (d) is $-\text{OR}^9$, $-\text{COOR}^9$, $-\text{COR}^9$, $-\text{CONR}^{10}\text{R}^9$, $-\text{NR}^{10}\text{R}^9$, $-\text{CN}$, $-\text{NO}_2$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{R}^9$, or $-\text{SO}_2\text{NR}^{10}\text{R}^9$;
 R^9 and R^{10} are each independently hydrogen or lower alkyl;
 25 and R^2 , R^3 , A and X are as in claim 1.

3. The compounds of claim 1 or 2 wherein A is aryl or heteroaryl each of which optionally is substituted by $-\text{NR}^6\text{R}^7$, $-\text{OR}^4$, $-\text{COR}^4$, $-\text{COOR}^4$, $-\text{CONR}^6\text{R}^7$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{R}^4$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{NR}^6\text{R}^7$, lower alkyl and/or lower alkyl substituted by $-\text{OR}^5$, $-\text{NR}^6\text{R}^7$, $-\text{COR}^4$, $-\text{COOR}^4$, and/or $-\text{CONR}^6\text{R}^7$.
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4. The compounds of claim 1 having the formula:



and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof wherein

- 5 R¹, R¹' and R¹'' are each independently hydrogen, -OR⁴, -COR⁴, -COOR⁴, -CONR⁶R⁷, -NR⁶R⁷, -CN, -NO₂, -SO₂R⁴, -SO₂NR⁶R⁷, halogen, perfluoroalkyl, lower alkyl (or lower alkyl substituted by (a), halogen, cycloalkyl, and/or heterocycle), cycloalkyl (or cycloalkyl substituted by (a), halogen, lower alkyl, and/or heterocycle), heterocycle (or heterocycle substituted by (a), halogen, lower alkyl, and/or cycloalkyl);
- 10 where (a) is -OR⁴, -NR⁶R⁷, -COR⁴, -COOR⁴, -OCOR⁴, -CONR⁶R⁷, -CN, -NO₂, -SO₂R⁴, or -SO₂NR⁶R⁷;
- and R², R³, R⁶, R⁷ and X are as defined in claim 1 for formula I.

5. The compounds of any one of claims 1 to 4 wherein R² is hydrogen, -OR⁴, -NO₂, -NR⁶R⁷, perfluoroalkyl, halogen, -COR⁴, -COOR⁴, -CONR⁶R⁷ lower alkyl and/or lower alkyl substituted by -OR⁸ and/or -NR⁶R⁷.
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6. The compounds of any one of claims 1 to 5 wherein R³ is hydrogen, -OR⁴, -NR⁶R⁷, lower alkyl and/or lower alkyl substituted by the group consisting of -OR⁸ and -NR⁶R⁷.
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7. The compounds of any one of claims 1 to 6 wherein R⁴ is selected from the group consisting of -H and lower alkyl which optionally may be substituted by the group consisting of -OR⁵, -COOR⁸, -COR⁸, -NR⁶R⁷ and -CONR⁸R⁹.

8. The compounds of any one of claims 1 to 7 wherein R^5 is selected from the group consisting of $-\text{COR}^8$, $-\text{CONR}^8\text{R}^9$, and lower alkyl.
9. The compounds of any one of claims 1 to 8 wherein R^6 and R^7 are each independently selected from the group consisting of $-\text{H}$, $-\text{COR}^8$, $-\text{COOR}^8$, $-\text{CONR}^8\text{R}^9$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{R}^8$, aryl, heteroaryl and lower alkyl which optionally may be substituted by the group consisting of OR^5 , and $-\text{NR}^8\text{R}^9$.
10. The compounds of any one of claims 1 to 9 wherein R^8 is selected from the group consisting of $-\text{H}$, aryl, heteroaryl and lower alkyl which optionally may be substituted by the group consisting of aryl, heteroaryl, $-\text{OR}^9$, $-\text{NR}^9\text{R}^{10}$, and $-\text{N}(\text{COR}^9)\text{R}^{10}$.
11. The compounds of any one of claims 1 to 10 wherein X is $=\text{CH}-$.
12. The compound of claim 1 or 2 wherein A is heteroaryl.
13. The compound of claim 12 wherein A is indole or substituted indole.
14. A compound of claim 5 which is
- (Z)-1,3-Dihydro-4-phenyl-3-[(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2H-indol-2-one;
- (Z)-4-(3-Aminophenyl)-1,3-dihydro-3-[(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2H-indol-2-one;
- (Z)-4-(3-Aminophenyl)-1,3-dihydro-3-[(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2H-indol-2-one hydrochloride salt;
- (Z)-1,3-Dihydro-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-[(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2H-indol-2-one;
- (Z)-1,3-Dihydro-4-(3-nitrophenyl)-3-[(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2H-indol-2-one;
- (Z)-1,3-Dihydro-3-[(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-4-(3-trifluoromethylphenyl)-2H-indol-2-one;

(Z)-1,3-Dihydro-4-(4-methylphenyl)-3-[(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2H-indol-2-one ;

(Z)-1,3-Dihydro-4-(2-methylphenyl)-3-[(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2H-indol-2-one;

5 (Z)-4-(2,4-Dichlorophenyl)-1,3-dihydro-3-[(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2H-indol-2-one;

(Z)-4-(4-Chlorophenyl)-1,3-dihydro-3-[(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2H-indol-2-one;

10 (Z)-1,3-Dihydro-4-(2-methoxyphenyl)-3-[(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2H-indol-2-one;

(Z)-1,3-Dihydro-4-(1-naphthalenyl)-3-[(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2H-indol-2-one;

(Z)-4-(3-Chlorophenyl)-1,3-dihydro-3-[(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2H-indol-2-one;

15 (Z)-1,3-Dihydro-4-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-3-[(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2H-indol-2-one;

(Z)-4-(3-Aminophenyl)-1,3-dihydro-3-[(3-methoxy-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2H-indol-2-one;

20 (Z)-1,3-Dihydro-4-phenyl-3-[(3-methoxy-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2H-indol-2-one; or

(Z)-1,3-Dihydro-4-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-3-[(3-methoxy-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2H-indol-2-one.

15. A compound of claim 5 which is

25 (Z)-4-[2,3-Dihydro-2-oxo-3-[(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-1H-indol-4-yl]-benzoic acid;

(Z)-3-[2,3-Dihydro-2-oxo-3-[(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-1H-indol-4-yl]-benzoic acid;

30 (Z)-4-[2,3-Dihydro-3-[(3-methoxy-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2-oxo-1H-indol-4-yl]-benzoic acid;

(Z)-4-[2,3-Dihydro-3-[(3-methoxy-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-5-nitro-2-oxo-1H-indol-4-yl]-benzoic acid methyl ester;

(Z)-4-[5-Amino-2,3-dihydro-3-[(3-methoxy-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2-oxo-1H-indol-4-yl]-benzoic acid methyl ester;

5 (Z)-4-[2,3-Dihydro-3-[(3-methoxy-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2-oxo-5-[(2-thienylacetyl)amino]-1H-indol-4-yl]-benzoic acid methyl ester;

(Z)-4-[2,3-Dihydro-3-[(3-methoxy-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2-oxo-5-[(2-thienylacetyl)amino]-1H-indol-4-yl]-benzoic acid;

10 (Z)-4-[2,3-Dihydro-5-fluoro-3-[(4-methyl-1H-imidazol-5-yl)methylene]-2-oxo-1H-indol-4-yl]-benzoic acid methyl ester trifluoroacetate salt;

16. A compound of claim 5 which is

(Z)-N-[3-[2,3-Dihydro-2-oxo-3-[(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-1H-indol-4-yl]-phenyl]-4-hydroxybenzamide;

15 (Z)-N-[3-[2,3-Dihydro-2-oxo-3-[(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methyl]ene]-1H-indol-4-yl]-phenyl]-3-bromobenzamide;

(Z)-N-[3-[2,3-Dihydro-2-oxo-3-[(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methyl]ene]-1H-indol-4-yl]-phenyl]-3-cyanobenzamide;

20 (Z)-N-[3-[2,3-Dihydro-2-oxo-3-[(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-1H-indol-4-yl]-phenyl]-3-nitrobenzamide;

(Z)-N-[3-[2,3-Dihydro-2-oxo-3-[(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-1H-indol-4-yl]-phenyl]-4-fluorobenzamide;

(Z)-N-[3-[2,3-Dihydro-2-oxo-3-[(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-1H-indol-4-yl]-phenyl]-4-nitrobenzamide;

25 (Z)-N-[3-[2,3-Dihydro-2-oxo-3-[(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-1H-indol-4-yl]-phenyl]-4-methoxybenzamide;

(Z)-4-Amino-N-[3-[2,3-dihydro-2-oxo-3-[(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-1H-indol-4-yl]phenyl]cyclohexanecarboxamide;

30 (Z)-N-[3-[2,3-Dihydro-2-oxo-3-[(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-1H-indol-4-yl]-phenyl]-4-(fluorosulfonyl)benzamide; or

(Z)-N-[2-[[3-[2,3-Dihydro-2-oxo-3-[(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-1H-indol-4-yl]phenyl]amino]-2-oxoethyl]-4-(fluorosulfonyl)benzamide;

17. A compound of claim 12 which is

(Z)-1,3-Dihydro-3-[(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-4-(2-thiophenyl)-2H-indol-2-one;

(Z)-1,3-Dihydro-4-(2,4-dimethoxy-6-pyrimidinyl)-3-[(3-methoxy-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2H-indol-2-one;

(Z)-1,3-Dihydro-4-(5-indolyl)-3-[(3-methoxy-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2H-indol-2-one;

(Z)-1,3-Dihydro-4-(5-indolyl)-3-[(3-methoxy-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-5-nitro-2H-indol-2-one;

(Z)-5-Amino-1,3-dihydro-4-(5-indolyl)-3-[(3-methoxy-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2H-indol-2-one,

(Z)-N-[2,3-Dihydro-4-(5-indolyl)-3-[(3-methoxy-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2-oxo-1H-indol-5-yl]-2-thiopheneacetamide;

(Z)-1,3-Dihydro-4-(4-indolyl)-3-[(3-methoxy-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2H-indol-2-one;

(Z)-1,3-Dihydro-4-(6-indolyl)-3-[(3-methoxy-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2H-indol-2-one;

(Z)-1,3-Dihydro-4-(6-indolyl)-3-[(3-methoxy-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-5-nitro-2H-indol-2-one,

(Z)-5-Amino-1,3-dihydro-4-(6-indolyl)-3-[(3-methoxy-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2H-indol-2-one, or

(Z)-N-[2,3-Dihydro-4-(6-indolyl)-3-[(3-methoxy-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2-oxo-1H-indol-5-yl]-2-thiopheneacetamide.

18. A compound of claim 5 which is

(Z)-N-[3-[2,3-Dihydro-2-oxo-3-[(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-1H-indol-4-yl]phenyl]methanesulfonamide;

(Z)-N-[3-[2,3-Dihydro-2-oxo-3-[(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-1H-indol-4-yl]phenyl]-2-thiophenesulfonamide; or

(Z)-N-[3-[2,3-Dihydro-2-oxo-3-[(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-1H-indol-4-yl]phenyl]-4-(phenylsulfonyl)-2-thiophenesulfonamide.

19. A compound of claim 5 which is

5 (Z)-1,3-Dihydro-4-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-3-[(3-methoxy-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-5-nitro-2H-indol-2-one;

(Z)-1,3-Dihydro-3-[(3-methoxy-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-5-nitro-4-phenyl-2H-indol-2-one;

10 (Z)-N-[2,3-Dihydro-3-[(3-methoxy-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2-oxo-4-phenyl-1H-indol-5-yl]-2-thiopheneacetamide;

(Z)-5-Amino-1,3-dihydro-4-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-3-[(3-methoxy-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2H-indol-2-one;

(Z)-N-[2,3-Dihydro-4-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-3-[(3-methoxy-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2-oxo-1H-indol-5-yl]-2-thiopheneacetamide;

15 (Z)-5-Amino-1,3-dihydro-3-[(3-methoxy-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-4-phenyl-2H-indol-2-one;

(Z)-1,3-Dihydro-3-[(4-methyl-1H-imidazol-5-yl)methylene]-5-nitro-4-phenyl-2H-indol-2-one; or

20 (Z)-1,3-Dihydro-5-fluoro-4-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-3-[(4-methyl-1H-imidazol-5-yl)methylene]-2H-indol-2-one trifluoroacetate salt.

20. A compound of claim 1 which is

25 (Z)-1,3-Dihydro-5-fluoro-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-[(4-methyl-1H-imidazol-5-yl)methylene]-2H-indol-2-one trifluoroacetate salt;

(Z)-1,3-Dihydro-4-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-5-fluoro-3-[(4-methyl-1H-imidazol-5-yl)methylene]-2H-indol-2-one;

(Z)-1,3-Dihydro-4-(2,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-5-fluoro-3-[(4-methyl-1H-imidazol-5-yl)methylene]-2H-indol-2-one;

30 (Z)-4-(1,3-Benzodioxol-5-yl)-1,3-dihydro-5-fluoro-3-[(4-methyl-1H-imidazol-5-yl)methylene]-2H-indol-2-one trifluoroacetate salt;

(Z)-4-(3-Aminophenyl)-1,3-dihydro-5-fluoro-3-[(4-methyl-1H-imidazol-5-yl)methylene]-2H-indol-2-one;

(Z)-4-(3-Amino-4-methyl-phenyl)-1,3-dihydro-5-fluoro-3-[(4-methyl-1H-imidazol-5-yl)methylene]-2H-indol-2-one;

5 (Z)-1,3-Dihydro-5-fluoro-4-(3-hydroxyphenyl)-3-[(4-methyl-1H-imidazol-5-yl)methylene]-2H-indol-2-one;

(Z)-1,3-Dihydro-5-fluoro-4-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-3-[(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2H-indol-2-one;

10 (Z)-1,3-Dihydro-5-fluoro-4-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-3-[(3-methoxy-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2H-indol-2-one;

2-[3-[5-Fluoro-3-[(3-methoxy-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-4-yl]-phenylamino]-acetamide; or

(Z)-1,3-Dihydro-5-fluoro-4-(4-hydroxymethyl-3-methoxy-phenyl)-3-[(3-methoxy-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2H-indol-2-one.

15 21. (Z)-1,3-Dihydro-4-iodo-3-[(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene]-2H-indol-2-one

22. A pharmaceutical composition comprising as an active ingredient a compound of claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient.

20 23. The compounds of claim 1 for use as medicaments.

24. The use of a compound of claim 1 in the preparation of a medicament containing a compound of claim 1 for treating a neuro-degenerative disease, particularly rheumatoid arthritis.

25 25. The novel compounds, compositions and use as hereinbefore described, especially with reference to the Examples.

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